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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

September is a very happy month for my wife and I. It is the month school starts and our three boys head back to school. It has been a great summer in Duvall with all of the fun events that our community partners have hosted. These events range from Duvall Days to Summer Stage to Movies in the Park to the Farmers Market and most recently the Art Walk. I hope you feel the same way as I do, that each year these events get better and better. I am so impressed with how all of the different community groups have worked so well together in hosting a great summer for all of us.

With school starting, I know that the school district has been working very hard at improving the schools for our children. I am really impressed at how well our school superintendent and his staff have invested our money in enhancing the different sites. I know that they are not done, but they are close and I am sure we will all be proud of the results.



Speaking of school starting, please be aware that our sidewalks and street corners will have our children walking to school or waiting for the school buses. Please slow down in school zones and know bus routes.

On a different note, I am working with the city staff on writing the 2011 budget for our City. The plan is to release the budget near the end of September. What I am proud of is how the staff has worked hard to spend less than they were budgeted for and how our revenues are coming in a bit higher than we expected. I expect that we will be able to write a balanced budget, while still supporting the programs that are important to all of us. If you have any questions on the budget, please feel free to call me or stop by a council meeting to share your thoughts.

Thank you for a great summer.

Sincerely,

Will Ibershof

LICENSE YOUR PET AND AVOID FINES



Our City recently entered into a contract with 26 other cities to have Regional Animal Services of King County provide animal control, sheltering, and pet licensing services to our residents. In order to encourage compliance with pet licensing requirements, we are implementing new code changes to create a zero-tolerance policy for unlicensed pets. Owners of a spayed or neutered cat or dog that is without a license will be fined \$125.00. The fine increases to \$250.00 if the unlicensed dog or cat is unaltered.

An amnesty period is now underway that allows pet owners until October 1, 2010 to license previously unlicensed pets without facing these fines. We encourage you to take advantage of this grace period by licensing your pet online or viewing a list of convenient licensing locations at www.kingcounty.gov/pets, or by calling 206-296-2712. You can license your pet at Duvall City Hall during regular business hours (M-F 8:30a.m. - 4:30p.m.).

A King County pet license includes many benefits. Here are just a few:

- The first time your pet is found, King County will attempt to skip the shelter & deliver the pet to your home.
- Licensed pets have a longer stray hold at the shelter.
- The Vacation Pet Alert program allows you to provide contact info for your pet caretaker in case your cat or dog gets out while you are away from home.
- Pet license fees help thousands of homeless animals in King County find new families each year, and pay for services such as spay/neuter programs.

To report a missing pet, visit the Kent animal shelter and call 206-296-PETS (7387). If you find a pet, call the number on the pet license to get contact information for the owner, 24 hours a day.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



September 9th & 23rd : City Council Meetings - 7:00p.m. in the meeting room of the Duvall Fire Station.

September 15th : Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00p.m. at the Duvall Community Center.

LIVING WITH BLACK BEARS

Excerpts from Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) website

American black bears are the most common and widely distributed bears in North America. As human populations encroach on bear habitat, people and bears have greater chances of encountering each other. All bears should be given plenty of respect and room to retreat without feeling threatened.

If you live in areas where black bears are seen, use the following management strategies to prevent conflicts:

- Never intentionally feed bears or other wild animals.
- Keep garbage cans in a garage or another secure area until collection day.
- Remove pet food from areas accessible to wildlife.
- Thoroughly clean barbecue grills after each use.
- Take down birdfeeders until later in summer.
- When camping, keep a clean campsite by thoroughly cleaning all cooking utensils after use and sealing uneaten food in airtight containers stored in bear-proof canisters away from sleeping areas.

In the event of an actual encounter with a bear, WDFW offers the following advice:

- Don't run.
- Pick up small children.
- Stand tall, wave your arms above your head and shout.
- Do not approach the animal and be sure to leave it an escape route.
- Try to get upwind of the bear so that it can identify you as a human and leave the area.



By nature, black bears are afraid of humans and will almost always go out of their way to avoid contact with them. Only a handful of bear attacks on humans have been recorded in state history.

WDFW encourages those who have a dangerous encounter with wildlife to call 1-877-933-9847 between the hours of 8:00a.m. and 5:00p.m., Monday through Friday. After hours, or on the weekends, people can call the local Washington State Patrol office or 911. More information on living with black bears is available online at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/living/bears.html>.

GET READY DURING NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH – NEW CERT CLASS STARTS 9/29 IN DUVALL

Carnation-Duvall Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members are proud to be participating in the seventh annual National Preparedness Month (NPM) in September.

Sponsored by FEMA's Ready Campaign, NPM is a nationwide effort encouraging individuals, families, businesses and communities to work together and take action to prepare for emergencies. This year, NPM focuses on encouraging all Americans to take active steps toward getting involved and becoming prepared. Preparedness is everyone's responsibility.

Your local CERTs are available during NPM and throughout the year to assist individuals, families and communities with their preparedness plans. CERTs offer resources and instruction on: assembling emergency supply kits on a budget; pet preparedness; organizing your neighborhood for disaster response; business preparedness and several other topics.

Snoqualmie Valley residents regularly face a variety of situations such as floods, severe weather and earthquakes. The time to prepare is before these emergencies arise. Take time during NPM to contact your local CERT volunteers and access the information you need to prepare or schedule a preparedness workshop for your family, business or neighborhood.

For more information on the Carnation-Duvall CERT program – a new class starts September 29th in Duvall – or to contact a volunteer, visit www.carnationduvallcitizencorps.org or call Helen Duffy at 425-457-6322.

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU LEARN DURING PREPAREDNESS MONTH? Please see valuable links below:

Carnation-Duvall Citizen Corps: www.carnationduvallcitizencorps.org

King County Emergency Preparedness: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/preparedness.aspx>

FEMA: www.FEMA.gov and www.ready.gov

King County Office of Emergency Management: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/safety/prepare.aspx>

Regional Public Information Network: <http://www.rpin.org/rpinweb/>

Seattle Red Cross: www.seattleredcross.org

Duvall Fire Department: <http://www.duvallfire45.com/>

